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MEMORANDUM FOR : Project Director
SUBJECT : Visit of Air Force Officers to Watertown

1. Reference is made to your memorandum for Deputy Project Director dated 7 January 1956. The action required under paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 has been completed [redacted]. With regard to paragraph 3, I believe there is a misunderstanding among our suppliers concerning increased Air Force participation in the Project. I have been informed by [redacted] that he received the same impression during his last trip to California. [redacted] indicated that several of the suppliers were not fully aware of the degree to which the SAC Unit will participate in the Project at Watertown or overseas. It is my feeling that much of this concern stems from the fact that several of Col. Yancey's material people are actively participating in the material evaluation and support phases and that we have not properly briefed our contractors as to SAC's responsibility as outlined in the original Air Force/Agency agreement dated 4 August 1955.

2. To the best of my knowledge ARDC now has nine people fully knowledgeable of the Project. AMC, on the other hand, has only three fully knowledgeable people. The majority of the ARDC people, namely Estes, Maxwell, Harrington, and Appald, were brought into the Project within the last month for the purpose of projecting the Air Force procurement of [redacted]. Between ARDC and AMC we now have a total of six project type officers and in my opinion this should suffice for some time to come. As you know the Air Force is projecting their version of the aircraft under their normal system. This system includes an office composed of AMC and ARDC officers who are jointly responsible for all weapon system project activities. Following is an exact list of knowledgeable people participating from ARDC and AMC:

ARDC: Gen. Thomas S. Power, CO, ARDC
Maj. Gen. Albert Boyd, Chief, Weapons Test Evaluation Division, ARDC
Col. Ernest N. Ljunggren, Director Weapons Systems, ARDC
Lt. Col. Joseph J. Pellegrini, Chief, Intel. Recon.
and Supporting Systems Division, ARDC
Brig. Gen. Howell M. Estes, Jr., Deputy to Gen. Boyd
Col. Jewell C. Maxwell, ARDC Project Officer
Lt. Col. Russell M. Harrington, Asst. to Col. Maxwell
Col. Norman C. Appald, Power Plant Lab, WADC
Lt. Col. Frank K. Everest, Jr., Flight Test Pilot

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AMC: Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings, Chief, Air Materiel Command
Brig. Gen. Clyde H. Mitchell, Weapons Systems Director, AMC
Lt. Col. Sidney W. Brewer, AMC [redacted] Project Officer

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3. With respect to your comment on "rapidly sliding into the position where literally hundreds of senior Air Force officers have been and are being cut in", I agree that it would be ideal if we could deter this trend, but we must be realistic. If the Air Force is to receive their first aircraft in September 1956 and operate it within their own resources, they will soon begin to plan, organize and train personnel in the material, maintenance, support and operations fields. This will further increase USAF participating personnel to a very great number. In this regard I have asked [redacted] to categorize the degree of knowledgeability of our Project by phases. I feel that we have reached a point where, with various categories of knowledgeability being firmly defined, Air Force personnel may be brought into their project with no knowledgeability of the functions or mission of AQUATONE. In other words, as time progresses, additional members of ARDC, AMC, and USAF operational people should participate in their project from an Air Force point of view only. A copy of my memo to [redacted] has been sent to you (SAPC-3292).

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Deputy Project Director

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